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SUBJECT: PROFICIENCY FLYING FOR EGYPTIAN PILOTS

FOR SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY DOD FROM CARMISH MAAG TEHRAN. QUOTE. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY HAS BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT TO PROVIDE PROFICIENCY FLYING HOURS FOR 40-50 EGYPTIAN PILOTS WHO, BECAUSE OF AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY (LACK OF SPARE PARTS), ARE FLYING APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS PER MONTH. TYPES OF PILOTS AND DURATION OF TRAINING WERE NOT SPECIFIED.

2. AT GENERAL KHATAMI'S REQUEST, MAAG IS EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSAL ON I.I.A.F. RESOURCES. OUR INITIAL ESTIMATE IS THAT THE I.I.A.F. CAN SUPPORT THIS EFFORT ONLY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PROFICIENCY OF ITS OWN PILOTS.

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3. CONSIDERING THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, REQUEST YOUR
VIEW OF EGYPTIAN PILOTS FLYING TRAINING/PROFICIENCY IN THE
FOLLOWING TYPES OF AIRCRAFT:

F-4 FRONT SEAT

F-4 BACK SEAT

F-5 A/B

F-5E

C-130

F-27 (NONFMS 3RD COUNTRY AIRCRAFT) END QUOTE.

4. ACTION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY IS BEING SENT TO YOU
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